

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 254

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Emily Cornett on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Carter's Valley Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Emily Cornett is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Emily Cornett was recently selected Teacher of the Year by Carter's Valley Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Emily Cornett received her bachelor's degree in education with a specialization in early childhood education from East Tennessee State University in May 2001, and she completed Special Topics: Exploration in Early Childhood Math in June 2007; and

WHEREAS, employed by Hawkins County Schools in 2001, Emily Cornett has served with acumen and alacrity as a kindergarten teacher for eight exemplary years, having previously taught third grade; and

WHEREAS, Emily Cornett is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional in the field of education, she is the active member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the Hawkins County Education Association; she is also a mentor teacher; and

WHEREAS, Emily Cornett also serves on several committees, including School-Wide Positive Behavior Support, Data Team, Title I, and School Improvement; and

WHEREAS, seeking ways to aid her students, Emily Cornett has worked diligently on the Handbook Committee, and she has helped to revise the Kindergarten report card; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Emily Cornett participated in the Volunteer High School Key Club's Walk for the March of Dimes in 2009, volunteered during appreciation days at her area mall in 2002, served food for the McTeacher Night in 2007, and she gathered items for many worthy organizations and causes, including local food pantries, the Ronald McDonald House, the V.A. Hospital, and the March of Dimes; and

WHEREAS, Emily Cornett truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Emily Cornett epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Emily Cornett on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Carter's Valley Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.